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**Corrections Salutes Warden for Stellar 30-Year Career**  
*C.M. "Marty" Lensing Announces Retirement; Served 15 Years  
as Elayn Hunt Correctional Center Warden*

(St. Gabriel) After honorably serving the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections for 30 years, Warden C. M. "Marty" Lensing recently announced his intention to retire. He has served as Warden of Elayn Hunt Correctional Center for nearly half his career.

"While I'm moving on to the next phase in my life, I must note that it has been a gratifying experience to contribute to the successful operations of this facility with such a fine group of staff," said Warden Lensing. He announced his plans during a gathering with employees Friday.

Under Lensing's leadership, Elayn Hunt Correctional Center has consistently risen to the numerous challenges of the ever-changing face of Corrections.

"Throughout his long and distinguished career, Warden Lensing has demonstrated the characteristics of leadership that will insure his place in the history of our Department," said Secretary Richard L. Stalder. "Others who follow in service to our state can learn much from his dedication to mission, loyalty, work ethic and perseverance. It is an honor to recognize him on his well-deserved retirement."

Warden Lensing put the mission of the Department and the facility (Hunt) first and always believed that supporting and recognizing the staff that makes the facility successful was

important. In addition, he has supported and encouraged inmate work programs that provide opportunities for offenders to give back to our communities and prepare them for reentry with training and vocational skills that increase their employability upon release. He has served as a Department advocate for educational and faith-based opportunities for offenders in Louisiana prisons.

Warden Lensing began his career in 1975 at the Louisiana Training Institute in Monroe, while studying for his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. He later moved on to a supervisory position at the Monroe Satellite Facility and then to Classification Officer in the Office of Adult Services. In 1980, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Superintendent at the Louisiana Training Institute in Baton Rouge and, in 1981, took on the challenge of serving as Deputy Warden at Louisiana State Penitentiary. In 1983, Lensing transferred to Elayn Hunt Correctional Center in St. Gabriel as Deputy Warden and was promoted to his current position of Warden in 1989.

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